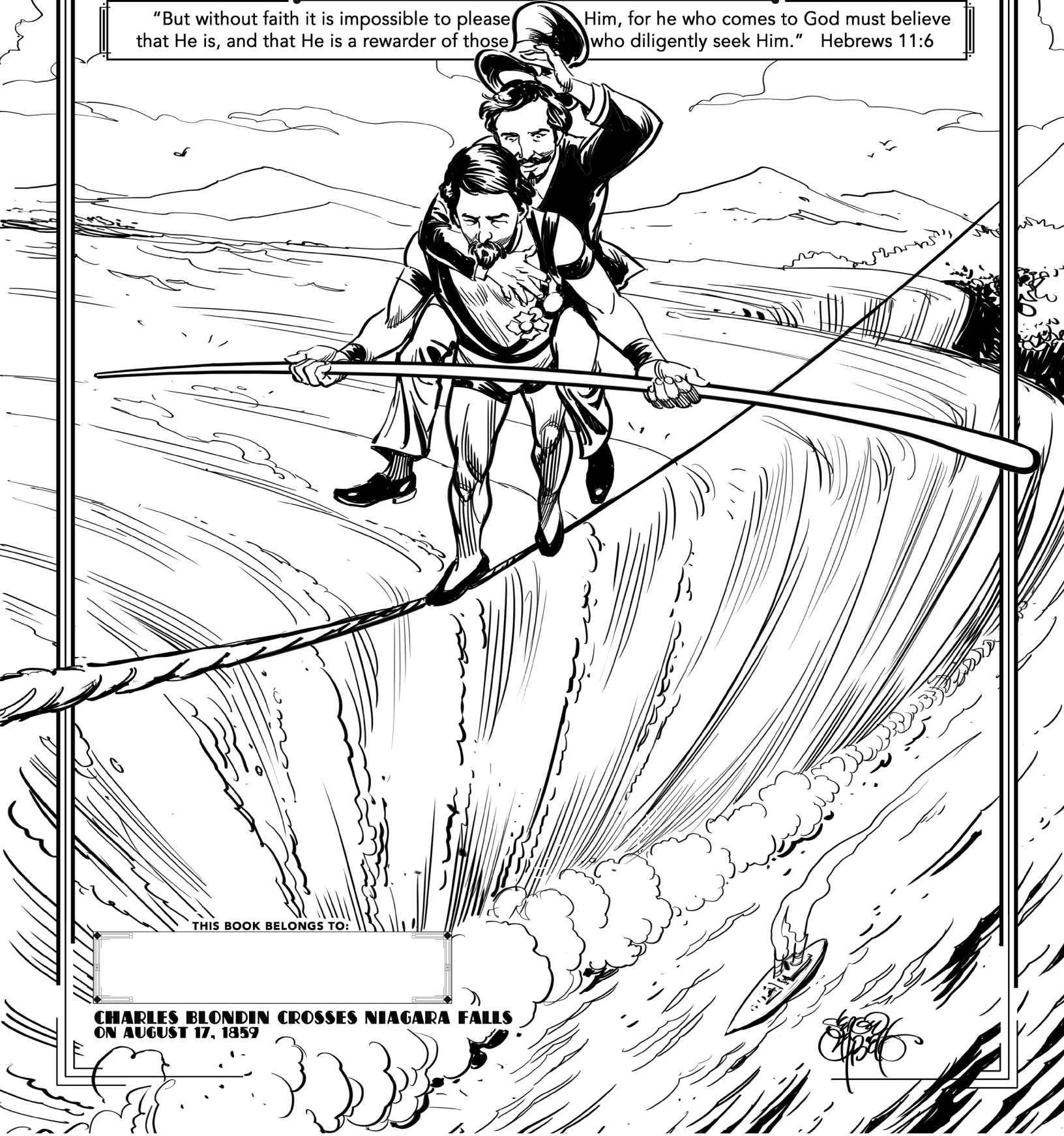


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BIBLE STUDY



Practice saying the memory verse together!

"But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him."

Hebrews 11:6



REMEMBER, in the last **STUDY** we said that we would talk about what the reward is for seeking **GOD**.



WHAT IS A REWARD?

LOOK up and fill in the blanks, then read out loud *Genesis 15:1*

"After these things the word of the _____ came to Abram in a vision, saying, Do not be afraid, Abram. I am your shield, your exceedingly _____ reward."



Well, the reward is Him! He is the reward. If you come to Him and say, *"God I trust You, I want You to be part of my life. I want to know Your strength. I want to fellowship with You and understand the reason why You placed me here on this earth."*

Then **GOD** says, *"You will know Me, I will be found."*

You must **BELIEVE** this or you will not come.

GOD can be known personally as a friend.

He wants fellowship with you, but this is done by **FAITH**.

There is nothing about **GOD** that makes it impossible for people to **BELIEVE**.

The difficulty is with the human will.

Are you willing?

If you haven't come to **GOD** by **FAITH**, now would be a good time to do that.



Would you like to start a *relationship* with **GOD** **RIGHT NOW**?

In *Acts 16:31* we read that we need to **BELIEVE** (**TRUST** and have **FAITH**) on the Lord *Jesus Christ*, and you will be saved.

(**LOOK** AT "**GOSPEL PAGE**" IN THE LAST PAGE OF THIS LESSON)

What are we saved from? We are saved from our **SIN**. **SIN** causes spiritual death (separation from **GOD**). But, *1 John 1:9* states that "if we confess our sin God is faithful to forgive us the sins we commit".

Asking **GOD'S** forgiveness, by **FAITH BELIEVING GOD** has forgiven us, and committing our life to the Lord, to guide us and help us through life is what is called being "born again."

(*John 3*) This is what **TRUSTING** in **GOD** is all about.



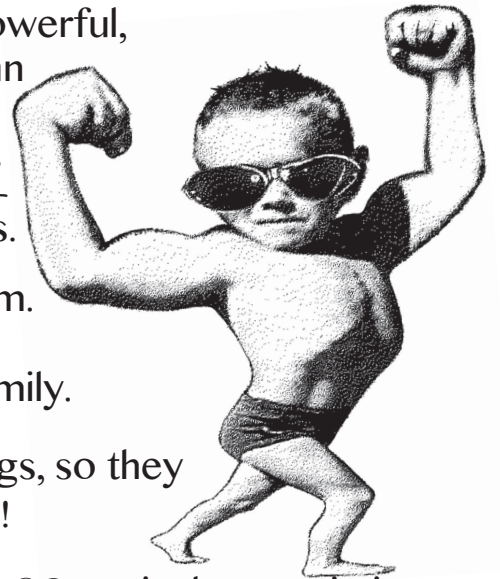
Do you think you have to be super knowledgeable, powerful, or spiritual to have **FAITH** in **GOD**? Sometimes we can think that it's only superior people who have **FAITH**.

But, that's not so! The people named in Hebrews 11 were ordinary people who accomplished great things.

GIDEON was a frightened farmer when **GOD** called him.

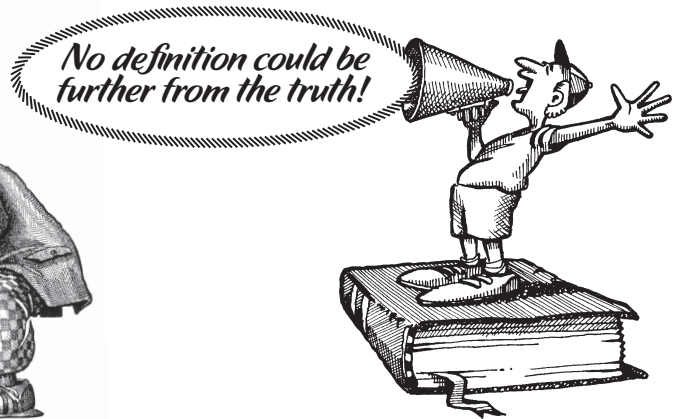
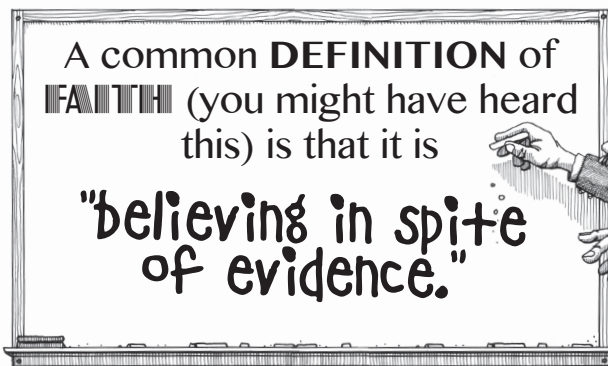
MOSES was a fugitive from justice.

JEPHTHAH was an illegitimate son, unwanted by his family.



They are there because they could not do great things, so they **TRUSTED** **GOD** to do great things for them!

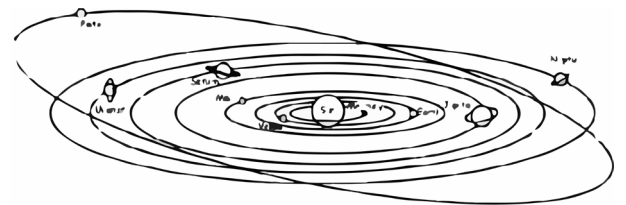
FAITH is confidence in the **TRUSTWORTHINESS** of **GOD**. It is the conviction or belief that what **GOD** says is true and that what He promises will come to pass.



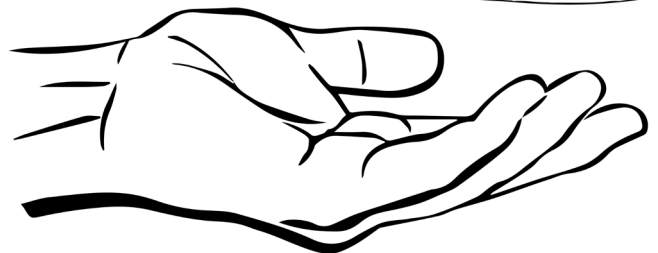
To **BELIEVE** in spite of evidence is really superstition, not **FAITH**, because **FAITH** is only as good as the object (what then are you **TRUSTING** in?).

And the object of a **CHRISTIAN'S** **FAITH** is *Jesus Christ*, in who He is, and what He did on earth.

Think about this... we have **FAITH** in the one who is the Creator, the One true **GOD**, the One who can do anything, and the One who *loves* us! The One who is **TRUSTWORTHY**!



OUR FAITH IS IN JESUS CHRIST.



GOD has said that there is only one **GOD**

and One Mediator between **GOD** and man, the Man Christ *Jesus*.

"For there is one **GOD** and one Mediator between **GOD** and men, the Man Christ *Jesus*." 1 Timothy 2:5

And *Jesus* said,

"I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me." John 14:6

Hopefully you BELIEVE this and have come to GOD.

Let's LOOK closer at our DEFINITION of FAITH:

"FAITH is BELIEVING GOD'S WORD and ACTING upon it, no matter how I feel, because GOD promises a GOOD RESULT."



This is a great DEFINITION of FAITH. We have already learned that FAITH is active confidence in GOD, but this DEFINITION will help us understand even more what FAITH is.

Let's work on this DEFINITION together. There are 4 parts:

Let's use Romans 8:28 from GOD'S WORD to explain how this DEFINITION of FAITH works.

"And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose." Romans 8:28

#1

FAITH is "BELIEVING GOD'S WORD..."

Now, write it out. " _____
_____ "
_____ "



We must BELIEVE what GOD has said and that it's true. We must have confidence in what GOD has said. You can know absolutely that all things are working together for good because you love Him (Do you love Him?) and have been called according to His PURPOSE.

That's what His WORD says. Do you BELIEVE GOD'S WORD? Some people BELIEVE the WORD of GOD and some people don't BELIEVE it. Their non-belief or belief will determine where they will spend eternity, either with GOD in Heaven or away from GOD in Hell. And away from GOD would be a bad choice. Now LOOK at the 2ND part of the DEFINITION of FAITH.

#2

"...and ACTING upon it..."

Write it out.

" _____ "
_____ "

ACTING upon it means that we **BELIEVE** what **GOD** has said, and live according to what He has said in His **WORD**, the **BIBLE**.

When we **BELIEVE** it then we will act upon it. We will do what His **WORD**, the **BIBLE**, tells us to do. So, the way we know we **BELIEVE** is because we act upon what the **BIBLE** says.



And if we don't act upon what the **BIBLE** says, then we really don't **BELIEVE**.



Many people agree in their mind with what the **BIBLE** says but because they don't act upon what He says, it means that they really don't **BELIEVE** with their heart.

So, do you **BELIEVE** what the **BIBLE** says that, "all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose?"

If we do **BELIEVE** that, then we will act upon it and live according to what **GOD** has said.

Let's **LOOK** at #3.

Now, write it out.

#3

"...no matter how I *feel*..."

"....."

There will be times when we are confused, scared, sad, happy, sick, discouraged and the list could go on and on. We cannot depend on just how we *feel* to help us make a decision to obey **GOD**.

Feelings should not influence our choices as we walk in **FAITH** with **GOD**. Sometimes we don't *feel* like doing what it says to do in the **BIBLE**, but we will still act upon what **GOD** has said and do it.

That's called living by **FAITH**, **TRUSTING** **GOD**.

Many people live by *feelings* and if they don't *feel* like doing something, they won't. And there are many people that won't act in **FAITH** because they depend on their *feelings* to guide them in their decision to obey or not to obey. That is a great hindrance to walking by **FAITH**. **GOD** wants us to **TRUST** in Him and walk by **FAITH**, no matter how we *feel*.



There are many stories in the **BIBLE** of people who had to make a decision to **TRUST** the Lord in spite of how they felt.

Now, the last part of the **FAITH** DEFINITION is...

Now, write it out.

#4

"...because **GOD** promises a **GOOD RESULT**."

"....."

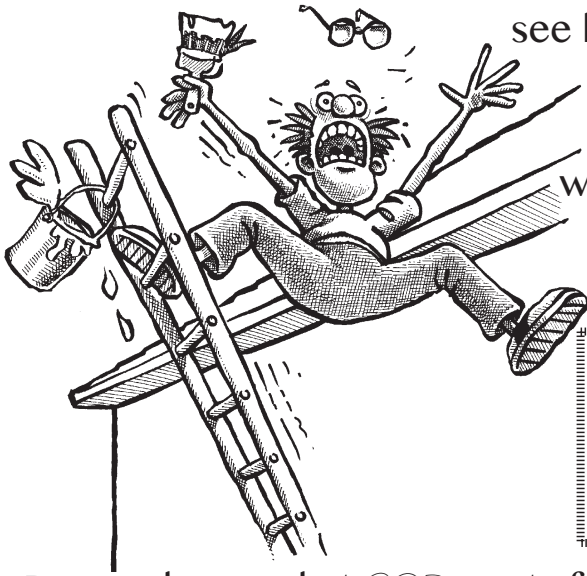
We BELIEVE that what GOD says is true. GOD cannot lie, so when He tells us something in His WORD, we can BELIEVE it.

We will do what's right because we BELIEVE the WORD of GOD and we're ACTING upon it, when we feel like it and when we don't feel like it, because GOD promises a GOOD RESULT.

GOD promises that all things work together for the good for those who love Him. Do you love Him? If you love Him, then this promise is meant for you!



But, that doesn't mean that all things will be good in our lives; bad things do happen. But if you love Him, He promises a GOOD RESULT, that good will come from those bad situations that happen in our lives. And if we have patience we will see how GOD causes the bad things that happen in our lives to work for the good, because He loves us!



WOW, isn't this simple? This is so simple that, if we're not careful, we'll miss it! This is the CHRISTIAN life, this is what following GOD is all about.

Again we read in Hebrews 11:6,

"But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him." Hebrews 11:6

Do you know what GOD wants from you? IF _____!
Where does GOD want you to have FAITH in Him? _____

- At school
- At home
- At church
- At our friend's house
- Wherever we go



GOD wants one thing from you!

He wants you to BELIEVE His WORD and ACT on it, even when you don't feel like it, knowing that GOD promises a GOOD RESULT. That is what FAITH is.

The last thing we will do in this STUDY is to practice again this DEFINITION of FAITH.
Practice all four parts together.

Hey, LOOK at this! Another translation states Hebrews 11:6 like this:

"And without faith it is impossible to please Him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that He exists and that He rewards those who seek Him." Hebrews 11:6

ISN'T THAT GREAT? Go ahead and say the faith definition found on page 55 together.



HOW CAN I BECOME A PART OF GOD'S FAMILY? (Gospel Page)

LOOK up and talk about these **SCRIPTURES**.



God loves you, and He sent Jesus Christ to show you His love!

"For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life." John 3:16



All have sinned!

"For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God."
Romans 3:23



Christ died for us!

"But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us." Romans 5:8



Sin causes (spiritual) death!

"For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord." Romans 6:23



Confess with your mouth!

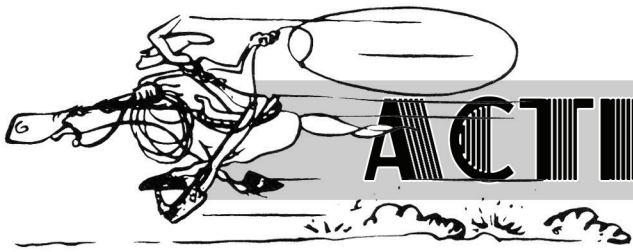
"That if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved."
Romans 10:9

Dear God,

I know that I am a sinner. I've made wrong choices and have done bad things. I'm sorry. Please forgive me. I know that Your Son, Jesus, died for my sins and I believe that You raised Him from the dead. I want Jesus to be my Lord. Thank you for loving me and making me a part of Your family. Now, please fill me with Your Holy Spirit, so I'll have all the strength I need to obey You. **AMEN**

PRAYER





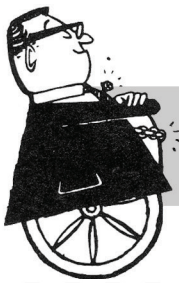
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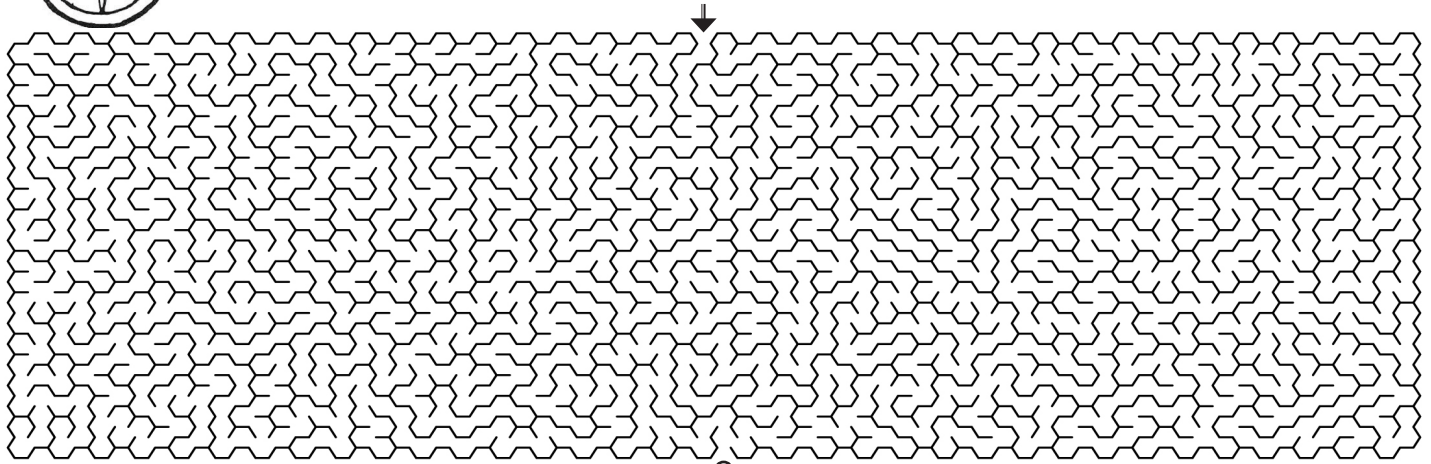
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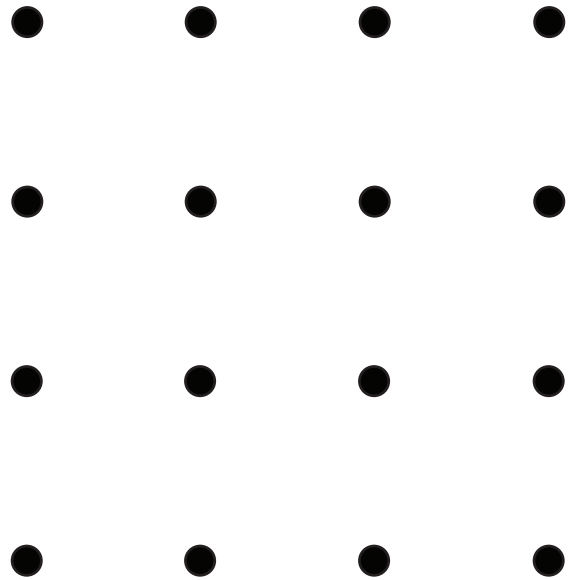
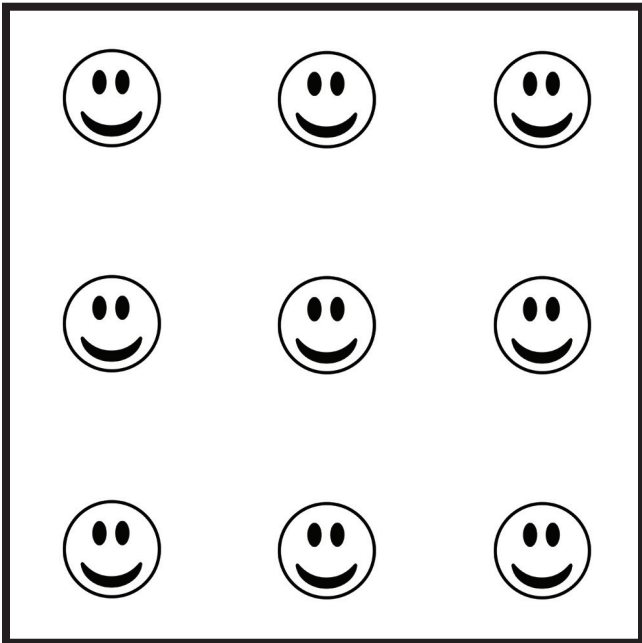
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SEPARATE THE SMILEYS
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Try to connect the dots by drawing the fewest number of lines possible. Only straight lines are allowed and you may not lift your pencil off the paper.



Can you find the "C?"

